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# TEAMSTERS TO DEMAND SPEEDIER WLB ACTION

## Record of Congressman Harness Is Enough to Make 5th District Residents Blush in Deep Shame

(Editor's Note—This is the first in a series of editorials dealing with members of Congress who have heaped dishonor upon Indiana.)

By O. B. CHAMBERS

When members of organized labor go to the polls this year to bring defeat to members of Congress who have been unfair to the labor movement, they won't forget a fellow from Kokomo who was the co-sponsor in the House of Representatives of the ill-smelling Connally-Smith Act.

**This man is Congressman Forest A. Harness, a Republican.**

His name will be remembered by the voters, not because of any desire to place an X mark in front of it on the ballots, but because of a determination to vote against him; to move him into a political grave which he already has dug for himself with his stubborn desire to give working men and women a raw deal.

He won't fool anyone but himself if he claims in campaign speeches that he is a sincere friend of labor.

**Yes, Mr. Harness, your days in the halls of Congress are numbered. You will be given no more opportunities to vote for legislation which is masqueraded as important to the national welfare, but is aimed only at stealing decent working conditions and wages from many of the men and women who elected you to office.**

And don't think for a minute that it will be members of organized labor alone that will be voting against you. Many of your actions in Congress haven't been at all pleasing to other voters in the fifth congressional district.

As we were told not long ago by Columnist Raymond Clapper, you have brought new "honor" to the great Hoosier state. You were cited as one of the extremes in congressmen to be avoided.

In case you have forgotten just what Mr. Clapper wrote in his plea for senators and representatives who would "do right" by the folks at home, here it is:

"In other days, a senator or representative was chosen as a man of consequence in his community and in whom his neighbors had confidence. One of the best examples was Senator Borah . . . At the other extreme is the Indiana congressman who a few years ago voted for the Townsend old age pension plan, although at the same time he told his banker he was against it and regarded it as unsound."

Pleasant dreams, Mr. Harness.

## Fighting Teamster Stresses Need For Keeping Labor's Banner High

The necessity for keeping the Teamster movement strong was emphasized in a Christmas message sent to Lloyd Rhoads, secretary-treasurer of Evansville Local Union No. 11, by a charter member of the local who has been serving in the army for two years.

The message was as follows:

Dear Lloyd:

"It is Christmas time, and so I am sending you my best wishes for a happy holiday season. I wish that I could see you, but that is impossible, so this card will have to suffice for the time being. Maybe, in the not too distant future, I will again be with you, and the rest of the boys who are 'keeping them rolling.'

"I realize, now that I am in the greatest organization on earth, just what it means to say, 'United we stand, divided we fall.' Tell all the boys for me that the union is the greatest thing on earth, and to be sure and let nothing happen to destroy the organization that all of us worked so hard to build. In unionism, there is strength and no matter what an employer may promise, it takes a union to back you up. If we in the army did not stick together, there would be no nation to live and prosper in, and support our unions. The union is the backbone of democracy.

"So stick together, all of you, and never let old Local No. 11 stagger on its feet. My best wishes to all the members of a grand organization, and may we ever keep the banner of organized labor flying high. We cannot lose as long as we know that you on the home front are keeping the things that we helped to build. I hope to see all of you again some day.

"As ever, your friend and brother in the greatest organization on earth.

Staff Sergeant Gene V. Dexter, A. C.  
Bergstrom Army Air Field,  
Austin, Texas.

SOMEONE WILL HAVE A RUDE AWAKENING



## Blame Unrest On Employers, War Agencies

Revision of Labor Laws Is Advocated to Avert Strikes

Aroused by policies pursued by employers, the War Labor Board and other governmental agencies in an effort to stir up unrest among members of the labor movement, the Indiana State Drivers' Council has launched a campaign aimed at eliminating much of the red tape and obstacles which stand between workers and new contracts.

Teamster leaders of Indiana attribute the recent wave of strikes and strike threats in the nation to ignorance and confusion on the part of Federal government agencies, and to an all-consuming desire of many employers to have their employes strike, and thereby turn public opinion against the labor movement.

### Employers Want Strikes

In too many instances, the Teamster leaders firmly believe, employers have adopted the dangerous attitude that the war already has been won; that there is no reason to keep men working regularly at jobs vital to the war effort.

Most obvious cause of labor unrest is the extreme slowness with which the War Labor Board acts on contracts submitted to it by unions and employers for approval. It seems ridiculous to ask laboring men and women to wait a year or more for the War Labor Board to decide whether to grant a two-cent hourly increase.

### Hess Attacks Slowness

Pat Hess of Fort Wayne, president of the Indiana State Drivers' Council, has expressed the opinion that at least 80 per cent of all discord between labor and management, and between labor and the War Labor Board has been created by the slow methods of the WLB.

He has emphasized, too, that employers in many instances have contributed to disunity in the nation by protesting against small wage increases requested by workers, and by appealing decisions handed down by the WLB and other governmental agencies.

The Drivers' Council will appeal to Indiana members of Con- (Continued on page 3)

## REGISTER to VOTE

YOU MUST BE REGISTERED if you are to be permitted to vote in the all-important 1944 elections.

By voting you will be able to help elect public officials who will give the labor movement a square deal, and, of equal importance, you will be able to help defeat labor's enemies. Through the ballot, you will be able to influence the repeal of anti-labor legislation, and to prevent the passage of additional vicious legislation in the future. Remember that the persons who represent you in public offices help control the wages you earn and the prices you pay for food and clothes.

REGISTER NOW, but if you happen to change your address before the next election, it will be necessary for you to register again. If you think you already are registered, make sure that you are by contacting your registration place.

This war is being fought to protect your rights as an American citizen. One of those rights is the right to vote. Use that right. REGISTER NOW.

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## Our Platform for 1944

1. To help bring defeat to members of Congress and other public officials who have been unfair to organized labor.
2. To exert all possible efforts to bring the war to a speedy, victorious conclusion.
3. To strengthen the Teamster movement in Indiana and thereby assist working men and women to obtain higher wages and improved working conditions.

## Inflation Is Threatening

Have you the job of feeding a family on just so much a week or month?

Do you find it a tough job today to make both ends meet?

Do you realize that most of our food item costs have increased since January, 1941, by 30, 40, 50, or more per cent?

Do you know that there is a fight on right now between President Roosevelt and Congress as to whether food prices should be allowed to rise still more or whether they should be reduced or at least stabilized with the help of food subsidies?

We have to choose now between subsidies and stable prices and wages on the one hand, or runaway prices and inflation on the other.

Inflation will hit you in the stomach. It can be prevented only by your watchfulness and by your intelligent cooperation and immediate action.

Act now. Inform your friends. Send a wire or write to your congressman and senator urging them to vote in favor of food subsidies. Defeat the attack on your standard of living.

## Labor Will Carry the Ball

Labor has been asked to carry the ball in the Fourth War Loan drive—and it will.

The nation, faced with the absolute necessity of obtaining at least \$14,000,000,000 through extra war bond purchases, has called upon labor to take the lead in the all-important campaign, which opens January 18.

Labor will not fail the nation. It has done more than its part in previous War Loan drives, and it will continue to meet the challenges given it, despite obstacles that may be placed in its way.

After all, labor, unlike many groups in the nation, is vitally aware that the purchase of a \$25 war bond may provide enough extra materials of war to save the lives of a half dozen, a dozen or possibly ten dozen soldiers.

Labor is ready to make any and all sacrifices that are necessary to help put the Fourth War Loan drive over the top.

We wish to warn the members of Congress that politics is a dangerous game in wartime; that it is a game in which every worker and consumer in the land—barring the poll-tax states—can deal himself a hand. So far as Congress is concerned, restrictions placed upon labor and failure to protect consumers against profiteers can have but one result—new faces in 1944.

—Southwest Teamster.

Labor is prior to and independent of capital. Capital is only the fruit of labor, and could never have existed if labor had not first existed. Labor is the superior of capital, and deserves much the higher consideration.

—ABRAHAM LINCOLN.  
From Message to Congress, December 3, 1861.

## LOCAL 520 SIDELIGHTS

By STEVEN TOTH

Sorry to hear about that grand old man of the trucking game, George Justak of Justak Trucking Company, being sick. I hear he is on the road to recovery. I am sure that everyone that knows him is hoping and praying he recovers. A man that has had the trouble and grief he had to hit the top, deserves a few years of peace and contentment. What a character, what a story his autobiography would make! I will never forget the time a bunch of his men were cranking their heads off trying to start one of his cranes and Pappa (as he is called) drove up and looked around and spotted the fan on the motor standing still. Then he made his all-American remark, "No wonder motor not running, fan not turning."

We of Local No. 520 mourn the passing of John C. Horn of the Washington Lumber Company. He was another of our good employers. We have had union contracts with him for a good many years.

Went over to the Certified Concrete Christmas party just before the holidays. Noticed that Walter Kubisz, Bob Smith and Frank Teets behaved like Sunday school boys. It was a nice party. Also took in the Calumet Iron and Supply and Steel Motors parties. Good time was had by all. I wish we could have them more often. It brings out the brotherly love and good fellowship between the employer and employee, which is needed badly in times like these.

Frank Potesak of Lake Cities Concrete, is convalescing at St. Catherine's Hospital. He will be there about two more weeks. Joe Burba of Justak's went down with the flu. That makes two of our trustees on the sick list.

P. J. Johnson, our business agent, was down with the flu. We have quite a few members down with the flu. Probably the liquor shortage has affected the boys.

We can report progress on oil contracts, but expect a storm to break loose at Refiners Transport if the company doesn't change its attitude soon.

Joe Burba was re-elected trustee without opposition at our last meeting. No other terms expired.

Our next three meetings will be call meetings. We are drawing up new by-laws. All members are urged to attend.

## REV. CALVERT C. HOUZE DIES IN INDIANAPOLIS AFTER 2-WEEK ILLNESS

The Rev. Calvert C. Houze, 70, president and founder of the Hope Evangelistic Association, Inc., and father of Russell T. Houze, president of Indianapolis Local Union No. 193 and Indianapolis Joint Council No. 69, died December 7 in his home in Indianapolis after an illness of two weeks.

The Rev. Mr. Houze had been a tailor for the Kahn Tailoring Company in Indianapolis for more than 40 years and was the first president of the Indianapolis local of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers' Union.

A native of Kentucky, the Rev. Mr. Houze had resided in Indianapolis for 50 years. He organized the Hope association in 1938 and had conducted Bible schools in a chapel in his home since that time. He attended the Indiana Bible College, Holiness Bible School in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. At one time he was head usher at Cadle Tabernacle in Indianapolis.

Survivors, besides Russell T. Houze, are the widow, Mrs. Hazel Houze; four daughters, Mrs. Vernie Moore, Mrs. Adah Riggs, Mrs. Magdaline Griffith and Mrs. Mary Krauth; two other sons, John Houze and Paul Houze; a stepson, Earl Lee; a sister, Mrs. Adah Wilson, and 16 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held December 10 in Indianapolis. Burial was in Washington Park cemetery.

## The Danger of Over-Reaching

By RUTH TAYLOR

One of the most harmful effects of group thinking is its tendency to create over-reaching ambitions within the group itself. That is, the group may start with a good idea, a worthwhile fight for a deserved right, but once this is attained, its members are not content. They have tasted the wine of the power of team-work, and they over-reach themselves to go out after privileges. Then, in their search for power, they too often, in turn, trample on the rights of others.

Again and again in history has this happened, from the Rule of Ten in Rome in the year 367 B. C.—and even before—up to the present time. There is nothing so intolerant as the intolerance of those who have fought their way to power. They have so concentrated on their own struggle that they have been prone to overlook the fact that other people have to live, too.

Up to now, one of the great advantages of our republic has been that it was never static long enough for any group to keep control too long. The country was too big, too varied in its resources, to be anything but fluid. Founded upon religious freedom, religious autoocracy has never been allowed a foothold. Not erected upon a class structure, it has not divided into classes—for in each generation men have found their own level as individuals, not as a group or groups. The classic phrase is, "Three generations from shirt sleeves to shirt sleeves."

Lately, however, there has been an increasing tendency to separate into groups, or cliques, governed by ideas. This trend is definitely dangerous—for any group which claims unique revelations or political preference is a divisive influence aiming at physical, economic or mental domination over others. It is the breeder of dissension and intolerance among our people.

When Americans put the interests of their own group before the interests of America as a whole, they are setting up in our country the breeding grounds for disputes, the like of which have laid waste Europe for centuries. Whether those interests be special concessions for industry or special privileges for labor; whether they be special consideration for any religious group or special favors for any minority, they still spell over-reaching. There is no group whose record is guiltless in this respect.

Justice for all, equal in its application, should be our aim as Americans. Before we make a demand, we should figure out if we are asking for a favor or a right—and if we are willing that the same right or favor be granted to everyone. The primary fallacy in logic is arguing—from the individual to the group.

We are a government of the people, by the people, and for the people. But we can fulfill our destiny as a nation only as the individual citizens, acting not as groups, but as Americans, work for the good of all the people—for all America.

## Labor Gives Till It Helps!

A year ago, organized labor, actively participating for the first time in a great national fund-raising drive, emerged as the nation's largest single giver for home needs and war relief. Contributions from AFL members in 1943 bid fair to top 1942's imposing total.

That is the story which emerges from the preliminary reports on AFL participation in the National War Fund drive, now coming into the national office of the Labor League for Human Rights, relief arm of the Federation. It is a remarkable story, even a sensational story. For there were many people who doubted—and with good reason—that labor could maintain 1942's splendid record, let alone improve it. Their doubts were based upon high income-tax deductions, War Bond purchases and the decline in real wages brought about by a steady upward trend of the price index.

That labor is bearing the brunt of the Administration's attempt to control inflation, the Administration's own figures prove. *Labor's Monthly Survey* for November cites official figures from the Departments of Labor, Agriculture and Commerce which dramatically illustrate the sacrifice which this attempt has imposed on labor as compared with other groups in the community. From October, 1942, to August, 1943, these figures show, prices of farm products increased 13 per cent; corporation profits also increased 13 per cent; while wages increased only 6 per cent. But the net increase in wages was only 2 1/2 per cent, and this increase is more than absorbed by taxes and bond purchases. Moreover, there are large categories of workers who had no wage increases at all during that period.

If contributions from organized labor, under these conditions, had fallen below 1942, it would have been understandable, and no criticism would have been justifiable. But the reports given out by the Labor League indicate that in the very few instances where organized labor has fallen short of last year's contributions, the causes have had very little to do with the decline in real wages.

These figures are impressive. Other groups may give generously out of their surplus. Labor is giving generously out of its need. Other groups give; labor shares! May that not be because it understands need so well—the need of our fighting men, of whom more than two million are trade-union members; the need for the services of the USO and War Prisoners' Aid; the need of their families and the children of war workers at home; the need of the war-weary peoples of our fighting allies! Organized labor is showing an intelligent sympathy for all those to whom war means a direct experience of hardship and hunger; and it is proving that in spite of its own increasing hardships, it is determined to "give till it helps."

# Flynn Urges Labor Leaders to Use Heads, Not Brawn

## Attempt to Cause Strike by Milk Drivers Is Hit

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tract covering the company's employees.

Local No. 188 started negotiations for a contract last February. None of the officials of the milk company ever attended any of the bargaining sessions, only officials of the Milk Foundation of Indianapolis being present. The Foundation is a labor-baiting organization representing all Indianapolis milk companies.

When the Milk Foundation officials refused to accept suggested provisions of the contract, a dispute case developed, and it was turned over to the War Labor Board for settlement. After a cross check had been made of membership cards to determine that Local No. 188 represented a majority of the employees, and after a hearing had been held in Indianapolis by a Trucking Commission representative, the commission issued its directive order.

### Recognition Ordered

The order stated that the company should recognize Local No. 188 as exclusive bargaining agent for all dairy employees and sales drivers of the company, that maintenance of membership and the checkoff should be included among the provisions of the contract, that one-week vacations with pay for one year of service, and two-week vacations for five years of service should be provided, and that small wage increases should be made. The increases were one-fourth of one per cent for wholesale drivers, and six per cent for inside employees.

But the company has refused to comply with the order, and filed a petition with the Trucking Commission, asking for reconsideration of the case by the commission, as well as its other petition which was filed with the War Labor Board and which challenges the jurisdiction of the board.

In its petition contending that the directive order exceeds the jurisdiction of the War Labor Board, the company contends, among other things, that it is not engaged in activities which directly contribute to the war effort.

"The absurdity of this contention is obvious," Mr. Davis commented. "The production of milk and other food is all-important to assist in the prosecution of the war."

## EATON IS APPOINTED AS BUSINESS AGENT FOR LOCAL NO. 193

Thomas Eaton, former recording secretary of Indianapolis Local Union No. 193, who recently was given a medical discharge from the army, has been appointed as a business agent of the local and is assisting in the organization of truck drivers and helpers employed by downtown Indianapolis stores.

Mr. Eaton served in the army for 13 months. He received his discharge at Camp Atterbury, where he was a patient for some time in a hospital.

## TEAMSTERS' UNION PURCHASES HOME FOR MOTHERS OF INVALIDED SAILORS

SEATTLE, Wash.—(Special)

This city's biggest and best Christmas present was given by the Seattle Joint Council of Teamsters to the mothers of American sailors invalidated at local naval hospitals. It was a large home where the mothers may stay while visiting their wounded sons.

The home, a former sorority house, was purchased by the union group for the use of the Navy Mothers Club which will be charged \$1 a year for the building.

The home has sleeping accommodations for 30 persons, and has spacious downstairs quarters where the mothers can entertain their boys.

It has a kitchen and dining room where the mothers may fix their boys a home-cooked meal, and where coffee and a snack will be available. The home isn't fancy or ornate but it is homey and when the Seattle Navy Mothers Club gets through with it, it will even be more so.

Cliff Harrison, editor of the *Seattle Star*, suggested the idea to the Teamsters, and in a page-one editorial acclaimed the gift as "Seattle's biggest and best Christmas present."

## CENTRAL COUNCIL NEEDS FEES NOW TO PAY EXPENSES

A need for all Indiana local unions which have not yet sent their assessment or affiliation fee payments to the Central States Drivers' Council to do so immediately was stressed this month by Pat Hess of Fort Wayne, president of the Indiana State Drivers' Council.

The money is needed immediately to aid in obtaining a new wage agreement for some 50,000 mid-western over-the-road freight drivers, Mr. Hess said. Costs of negotiating the new agreement have been heavy, and many Indiana locals have not yet paid their \$25 assessment or affiliation fee, or the required \$1 for each new over-the-road member.

Checks should be sent to A. F. Hudson, executive secretary of the Central States Drivers' Council, 10 North Clark Street, Chicago.

## In the Know With Kokomo

By O. B. CHAMBERS

LOCAL NO. 759 MEETS AT 8 P. M. ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH IN THE LABOR TEMPLE, 512 EAST SYCAMORE STREET, KOKOMO, IND.

The Scott brothers were back from their sojourn in Alaska where they have been working on a pipeline. Harry Scott had to come all the way back to Howard County to get shot. He met with an accident while hunting at Galveston, Indiana. He was shot in the side with a shotgun. He is fully recovered at this time, and we are very glad of that.

We have had letters from Gene Maddox, whose address is: Cpl. Gene Maddox, 186th Med. Bn. (Sep.), 484th Med. Coll. Co. (Sep.), APO 183 c/o Postmaster, Los Angeles, California; and Eugene Stevenson, whose address is: Eugene Stevenson S 2/c, L. C. S. Tec. div., U. S. N. Repair Base, San Diego, Calif. The boys would like to hear from any one who would care to write.

Windy Zellers was back and certainly looked fit. He is in the army and used to drive for the Courier Express in Logansport.

Local No. 759 had a meeting with the General Tire Company in Wabash, Indiana, along with a representative of the NLRB, to start proceedings to certify the local as a bargaining agent for the men in the shipping, receiving, dock and truck driving departments.

We held a meeting in Logansport for the drivers of the Willett Freight Line Wednesday, January 5, at the Barnes Hotel. We have held three meetings with the operators in negotiating on our new city freight contract. Local No. 759 has opened negotiations with the coal dealers in Kokomo, and the Leppert Bus Line in Peru, Indiana.

Our Armour contract is still before the WLB in Chicago, and we hope to have it finished very soon. We have started organization among the city Railway Express drivers in Kokomo.

Harlan Brooker is Navy bound. He was in the office for a visit prior to being shipped out. We wish him, and all the boys in service, good luck and may they be home soon. Let's buy bonds and make it as soon as possible.

## AMERICAN HEROES BY LEFF



"He gallantly gave his life in the defense of his country," ends his citation for the Silver Star. During fighting on Tulagi, Marine Private George Alfred Johnson, of Coatesville, Pa., with utter disregard for his personal safety, rushed to the mouth of a cave that sheltered Jap snipers and blasted them out with hand grenades until he was killed. He'd want us to buy War Bonds to fulfill that mission!



THOMAS E. FLYNN

## Clear Thinking Cited as Great Need of Unions

### Teamster Official Declares Federal Regulation Is Here to Stay

"The old days when all a labor leader needed was a big fist and a strong arm have gone," Thomas E. Flynn, executive assistant to General President Daniel J. Tobin, declared recently in an address before a meeting in New Orleans, La., of delegates from two conferences of Teamsters representing 10 southern states.

Following a suggestion by Mr. Flynn, the delegates formed the Southern Conference of Teamsters as the first step in improving working conditions throughout the entire south, and to prepare local unions to meet changing economic conditions after the war.

### Startled the Nation

Mr. Flynn made a number of unusual, thought-provoking statements in his address which attracted nation-wide attention. He emphasized a need for labor unions to "use their heads" in dealing with problems brought to them by the war and in planning their after-the-war activities.

"Federal regulation of labor has come to stay," Mr. Flynn asserted. "The defeat of the Democrats next fall would not mean the elimination of bureaucrats. It would merely mean the replacement of Democratic bureaucrats with Republican bureaucrats. The bureaus themselves have come to stay and labor will continue to be regulated to control strikes after the war."

The Teamster executive stressed a necessity for labor unions to win favorable public opinion.

### Public Approval Vital

"I cannot stress too strongly the fact that labor can make no future progress—it cannot even hold its own—without public approval of its acts. No strike can succeed in the future unless the public is in sympathy with it..."

### Drivers' Council Will Choose New Officers Jan. 21

The Indiana State Drivers' Council will nominate and elect new officers at the next meeting of the organization Friday, January 21, in the Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis.

The present officers are Alton P. Hess, president; Steve Toth, vice-president; C. B. Birdsong, secretary-treasurer; O. B. Chambers, recording secretary, and D. E. Mahoney, Elmer Nolan and Elmer O. Briner, trustees.

## LOCAL NO. 716 OBTAINS CONTRACT FOR PACKARD CORPORATION EMPLOYEES

Indianapolis Local Union No. 716 has successfully completed negotiations with the Packard Manufacturing Corporation for a new contract covering nearly 1,000 workers in two Indianapolis plants. The contract needs War Labor Board approval.

The agreement calls for a general five cents per hour increase, one-week vacations with pay, seniority rights, and the checkoff. Albert Tyree, secretary-treasurer of the local, said the negotiations were friendly throughout.

The local became the bargaining agent for the employees recently by defeating the CIO in an NLRB run-off election.

"Stoppages of work will henceforth be considered primarily from the standpoint of the public and not from the standpoint of either labor or industry. Both employers and workers must justify their demands before a government tribunal, which means, in the last analysis, before the bar of public opinion."

JOIN THE MARCH OF DIMES  
**FIGHT INFANTILE PARALYSIS**  
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## TEAMSTER TIPS FROM 364

By GEORGE B. CAMPBELL

President Walter E. Biggs wishes to thank all persons, including Teamsters and employers, who participated in the recent waste paper collection drive in South Bend. A big hand should go to the ladies auxiliary of the Red Cross which served coffee and doughnuts all day at the receiving spots, and to Danny Clark who always was on the job to furnish coffee and doughnuts. Maj. Noble and his company of state guards assisted capably in the task of dispatching trucks. We particularly want to cite the fine work done by the Ward Baking Company drivers, and to commend Mr. (Tip Top) Tom Walsh, manager of Ward's, and Eddie Pilarski and Mr. McCarthy for their fine supervisory efforts.

Buck (Bert) Snyder, our able representative in Elkhart and Goshen, travels so far these days that he had to trade his car for one with a few less miles of use. His car is good looking, and I think he has become snooty, as he only comes to South Bend every Friday now.

We received a V-Mail letter from William Locke, a former officer of our local. Bill has been awarded the Order of the Purple Heart, and was in a hospital when he wrote the letter. We hope for a speedy recovery for our friend and good soldier.

As we stated in our other issue, this is not an obituary column, but we do extend our deepest sympathy to Mr. Carl Girard, one of our

## TRUCK CRASH IS FATAL TO ERNEST E. LOHRMAN

Ernest E. Lohrman, 37, a member of Indianapolis Local Union No. 233, was killed December 27 when a truck he was driving in a heavy fog crashed into a concrete abutment on Highway 39 south of Delphi.

Mr. Lohrman had been employed by the Kibler Trucking Company for 10 years. He formerly was a member of Indianapolis Local Union No. 135 and was a charter member of Local No. 233. He was a member of the Central Baptist Church of Indianapolis.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Ruby Lohrman; a daughter, three sons, four brothers and four sisters.

Funeral services were conducted Dec. 30 in Indianapolis. Burial was in Crown Hill cemetery, Indianapolis.

## ANGEL IS ELECTED TO CENTRAL LABOR UNION PRESIDENCY

EVANSVILLE, Ind.—(Special)—M. J. Angel, secretary-treasurer of Evansville Local Union No. 215, was elected recently as president of the Evansville Central Labor Union for 1944.

Mr. Angel, who served as president of the Central Labor Union in 1940, and as its financial secretary in 1942, defeated William T. Schulze of the Carpenters' Union in the race for the presidency.

members who works at Moorens Fruit Company. He received word of the loss of his only son in action in Italy. It's a tough break, Carl. All we can say is that he could not have left this world in a more glorious manner than the way he did.

Tucker Freight Lines have a beautiful new terminal, and it really is the last word. It has many innovations which will be a big help to both the management and employees, and Mr. Maurice and Mr. Julius Tucker are to be congratulated. This fine building certainly reflects their faith in the future of this city and the territory they serve so efficiently.

Jack Cogswell of the freight division, has been trying to find our branch office. Take it up with Hicks, Jack. He's a good union member. Maybe he can fix you up.

Agents Mike Granat of Drewry's Brewery, and William Hansen of the Sales Drivers, report that everything is okay in their respective crafts, but say they still are confronted with a shortage of good men for different jobs.

Your correspondent reports a partial wage approval for some lumber companies, retroactive to November 15, 1942.

We wish all of the locals, their officers and members, throughout Hoosierdom, a happy new year, and it will be a damn sight happier when all our Teamsters and everyone else come home. Their chances of coming home will be improved everytime you BUY AN EXTRA WAR BOND.

Leo (\$1.00 assessment freight agent) Bauers says the boys traveling in freight are buying more assessment cards in their home towns these days.

## WHAT'S THE LATEST?

What's the latest in the way of news in your locality? If you know of anything that would be of interest to other Teamsters of Indiana or would benefit the Teamster movement, be sure to let THE INDIANA TEAMSTER know about it.

This newspaper is more than anxious to receive all kinds of news, poems, jokes, gossip, and almost everything else. When you help the paper by sending in items for publication you do all of the other teamsters in the state a favor. THE INDIANA TEAMSTER is the voice of the Teamsters of Indiana.

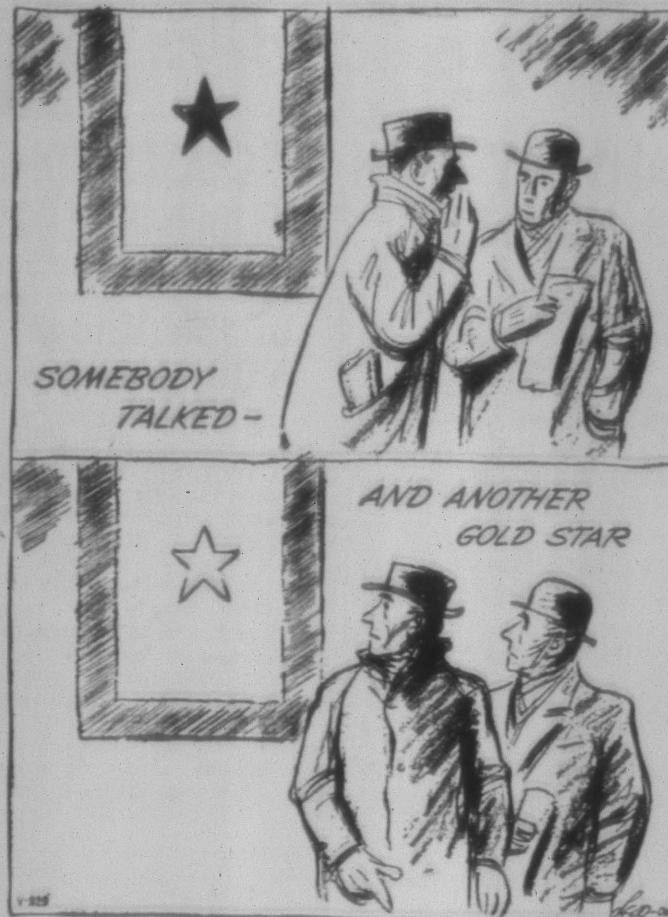
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### SERVES IN ALABAMA

Private Carl G. Smith, a member of Local Union No. 188, who formerly was employed by the Indiana Condensed Milk Company in Sheridan, is serving in the army at Fort McClellan, Ala. In a recent letter to officers of the local, he said he was being given "a good workout" but that "I am feeling fine."

### MAKES FURLough VISIT

Private Robert Rogers, a member of Indianapolis Local Union No. 135 who is serving in the army, visited in the offices of Indianapolis Joint Council No. 69 recently while on a furlough from Camp Shelby, Mississippi.



By Al Lindahl

Dec. 7—This is no picnic for the three of us who were turned down by the armed forces yesterday. The best of luck to Jack Mossman, Elmer Wild, Arnold Caitham and Al Switalski who were accepted by the army, and to Bill Tidwell, Francis Weber, Carl Butjas and Jack Hurley, who made the navy.

Dec. 8—In bed with the flu, but hope to have some idle chatter soon.

Dec. 9—Eddie "Kaz" is now a member of the United States Navy.

Dec. 10—I guess Charlie did buy that car for Ellen, as the gang now ride the bus without her.

Dec. 11—Good luck to Steve Weiger, our new cellar boss in Bill Tidwell's absence.

Dec. 12—Tom Hedrick should not play with canes, as now it is no pleasure.

Dec. 13—Somebody said that Fred Rock and Ray Walters did go to the farewell party for the gang leaving this month, but they will never know.

Dec. 14—Tom, Alva, Walt, Ram and the gang from the Association sure have a fine Xmas party planned for the coming Sunday.

Dec. 15—Did you pay your income taxes?

Dec. 16—What is it that Harry "Kaz" and Butch do every a. m. at 6?

Dec. 17—Has anyone seen Virgil Nelson?

Dec. 18—Rumors have it that Staniey Greszk is to assist on inventory with Carl Sheede.

Dec. 19—The big Christmas Party was a huge success, especially because of the appearance of Rudy Moritz, which did plenty of good. Also on the auctioneering of Emil Rodts, and to Joe Bella and Dan Lassen on their skit.

Dec. 20—Sorry to report to Brother Bill Cleary is in the hospital. Hurry along on the mend, Bill.

Dec. 21—"Pinky" Johnson not only won enough to buy a ranch, he also has won all the turkeys.

Dec. 22—"Termite" Johnson finally had a full week.

Dec. 23—That Business Agent Mike Granat sure has gone to town since his return from Indianapolis. A new suit and topcoat, new car and everything. More power to you, Mike.

Dec. 24—How was your fruit?

Dec. 25—Sure many surprises on this day.

Dec. 26—Another day of rest!

Dec. 27—Many fine cards have arrived from the brothers overseas. We seem to have members from Drewry's on all the important spots of the globe.

Dec. 28—Seems as though a new office for the shipping dock is going to be quite a joint. Sorry this could not have been when a real gang of men were at the head of it.

Dec. 29—Joe Takacs is burning up quite a lot of chalk on the keg inventory.

Dec. 30—The sudden death of Mrs. Andy Sholly on this date has cast a spell of gloom over the plant. Our heartfelt sympathies to Andy Sholly and family in his bereavement. Andy Sholly is stationed in Italy at the present.

Dec. 31—This is the day of '43 that we have looked for, and may all the bad ones be forgotten.

Jan. 1—What do you know? Tom Jeanneret had to awaken this guy at 9 o'clock in order for him to stumble to work, but managed to get through the day somehow. Wonder what scared "Sig" in the keg-dock office?

Jan. 2—The bottling house running at full blast on this day of rest for a lot of us.

Jan. 3—We are off to a bigger and better year at Drewry's, Ltd., and we hope throughout the world. Your continued buying of War Bonds is now more essential than before, so get on the ball. They still lay you 4 to 3 on a sure thing for you and yours.

Jan. 4—Joe Wenscits lost a pigtail, which was later found by Ida Troeger. Joe, you shouldn't be so careless.

Jan. 5—I sure hope that Vic DeClark, Bill Tidwell, Carl Butjas and Jack Hurley sometime run in to Francis Weber after their boot training, as I believe that Francis will give them all a run. He is stationed at Farragut, Idaho, while the bunch is at Great Lakes, so hurry and get it over with.

Jack Mossman, Elmer Wild, Arnold Caitham and Al Switalski are still at Fort Benjamin Harrison. As soon as possible I will try to get their new addresses.

## FLASHES FROM FORT WAYNE LOCAL 414

By PAT HESS

The contract for the Bursley Company is still in the hands of the War Labor Board. No decision has been rendered as yet.

The taxicab, city local cartage and Cities Service Oil Company contracts are still being negotiated.

The Christmas party for the members and their families was well attended, and a good time was had by all. This is a yearly affair and was one of the best parties ever held—so everybody said. The candy, nuts, apples and oranges that were left over were distributed to the three orphan homes, and the show that was put on for these little people was greatly appreciated.

The coal contract came through after one year and ten days. Everything is okay now.

Perfection Biscuit salesmen's contract has been okayed. The War Labor Board did not approve everything we asked for, but the majority of the drivers seem pretty well satisfied.

The over-the-road contract is still in Washington. Some information will be given out after the meeting which is to be held in Chicago on January 13th and 14th.

The city street and sewer drivers and helpers, working for the City of Fort Wayne, have received another five cents per hour as of January 1st. This makes a raise of 15 cents per hour in one year—NOT BAD.

The Fourth War Loan drive is on, so do your bit. Your purchases will mean money in your pocket, which will come in handy later in life. Hell, we of the Teamsters have just started to give and fight. Remember there are 105,000 of our members in the armed forces and scattered all over the world.

## LOCAL NO. 188 LOSES EGG PLANT ELECTION BUT WILL TRY AGAIN

A last-minute lying spree by company stooges and floorwomen brought defeat to Indianapolis Local Union No. 188 in an NLRB election held Dec. 14 for employees of the Mid-States Frozen Egg Corporation of Indianapolis, but C. E. Davis, president of the local, declared that continued efforts would be made by the local to organize all of the employees.

The day before the election, the stooges and floorwomen asserted in speeches made in rest rooms and other parts of the plant that "if you vote for no union, you will get raises, but if you vote for a union, no raises will be provided."

The lies apparently were believed by many of the employees. Also contributing to the defeat of the Teamsters' Union was the fact that about 40 employees who were known to be in favor of the union did not work on the day the election was held and, therefore, did not vote.

A total of 107 votes were cast, with 61 of them being for no union, 39 for Local No. 188, and 7 for the CIO.

### WAGE INCREASES WON

Members of Indianapolis Local Union No. 135 who are employed as drivers by the Dr. Pepper Company have received approval of their new contract from the War Labor Board. Joe Williams, secretary-treasurer of the local, has announced. The contract provides for substantial wage increases.

### WHERE THE FUEL GOES



AN AIRPLANE ENGINE burns up its own weight in gasoline in about 2 hours.

## UNFAIR

The Home Made Pie Co.  
and Its Employees  
and

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